



MINUTES OF THE 58TH BOARD MEETING OF THE FAR NORTH QUEENSLAND REGIONAL ROADS AND TRANSPORT GROUP

MONDAY 9 April 2018

TYTO Conference and Event Centre, 73/75 Mcilwraith Street, Ingham

REPRESENTATIVES:	Cr Brett Moller	Cairns Regional Council
Chair	Cr Peter Scott, Mayor	Cook Shire Council
	Cr Trevor Pickering, Mayor	Croydon Shire Council
	Cr Warren Devlin, Mayor	Etheridge Shire Council
Deputy Chair	Cr Tom Gilmore, Mayor	Mareeba Shire Council
	Cr Joe Paronella	Tablelands Regional Council
	Mr Sanjay Ram	Department of Transport and Main Roads
OBSERVERS:	Mr John Andrejic, CEO	Cairns Regional Council
	Cr Jack Bawden	Carpentaria Shire Council
	Mr Bill Kerwin, CEO	Croydon Shire Council
	Cr Kim Gaynor, Deputy Mayor	Croydon Shire Council
	Cr Wayne Bing Chew	Croydon Shire Council
	Mr Darryl Crees, Acting CEO	Douglas Shire Council
	Mr Norm Garsden, CEO	Etheridge Shire Council
	Ms Janelle Menzies, CEO	Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council
RAPT REPRESENTATIVES:	Ms Michelle Connolly	Department of Transport and Main Roads
FNQROC STAFF:	Ms Darlene Irvine	Executive Officer
	Mr Travis Sydes	Natural Asset and Sustainability Coordinator
	Mr Lachlan Rankine	Regional Strategic Infrastructure

		Coordinator
	Ms Amanda Hancock	Procurement Coordinator
	Ms Teresa Schmidt	Office & Project Coordinator
APOLOGIES:	Cr Terry James, Deputy Mayor	Cairns Regional Council
	Cr John Kremastos, Mayor	Cassowary Coast Regional Council
	Mr James Gott, CEO	Cassowary Coast Regional Council
	Ms Linda Cardew, CEO	Cook Shire Council
	Cr Julia Leu, Mayor	Douglas Shire Council
	Mr Peter Franks, CEO	Mareeba Shire Council
	Cr Annette Haydon	Tablelands Regional Council
	Ms Hurriyet Babacan, CEO	Tablelands Regional Council
	Cr Desmond Tayley, Mayor	Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council
	Ms Eileen Demaal-Hall, CEO	Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council
	Cr Ross Andrews, Mayor	Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council
	Ms Jo Lencz	Department of Transport and Main Roads
	Ms Sandra Burke	Department of Transport and Main Roads

142 Chair's Welcome & Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners

The meeting commenced at 1.02 pm. Chair, Cr Peter Scott, Mayor Cook Shire Council welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Cr Scott acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet today and paid respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

143 Apologies

As noted above.

144 Presentations

Nil

145 Confirmation of Minutes

MOVED: Cr Joe Paronella

SECOND: Cr Trevor Pickering

"That the minutes of the 57th Far North Queensland Roads and Transport Group held on 12 February 2018, as distributed with the agenda be confirmed."

146 Confirmation of Flying Minute

Noted that the following minute, 20 March 2018 was supported by flying minute:

It is recommended that identified savings and non-expenditure as a result in the delay in Beef Roads funding allocation for the 2017/18 financial year be allocated to the following projects on a priority basis until the 2017/18 allocated TIDS funds are expended:

- i. Record Id No. 210 - CRC - Cook Street (Ranked 10th) – \$526,360 allocation brought forward from 18-19
- ii. Record Id No. 70 - TRC - Gunnawarra Road (Ranked 15th after allocation increase) – Increase allocation from \$280,000 to \$408,500
- iii. Record Id No. 244 - Cook - Angus Gully Road (Ranked 42nd) – Allocation of \$110,000
- iv. Record Id No. 211 - CRC – Munro Street culvert (Ranked 53rd) – \$150,000 allocation brought forward from 19-20
- v. Record id No. 188 - CRC - Redlynch Intake Road (Ranked 54th after allocation increase) – Increase allocation from \$200,000 to \$290,000
- vi. Record id No. 243 - Cook - Charlotte St Connection to Webber Esplanade (Ranked 55th) – Allocation of \$70,000
- vii. Record id No. 189 - CRC – Lake Street (Ranked 57th after allocation increase) – Increase allocation from \$90,000 to \$112,500
- viii. Record id No. 245 - Cook – Cameron Creek Road – (Ranked 68th) – Allocation of \$150,000
- ix. Record id No. 242 - TRC – Carrington Road (Ranked 73rd) – Allocation of \$100,000
- x. Record id No. 241 - MSC – Sutherland Street (SafeST) (Ranked 77th) – Allocation of \$43,500
- xi. Record id No. 32 – CCRC – Tully Gorge Road – (Ranked 89th after allocation increase) – Increase in allocation from \$325,000 – \$405,000
- xii. An Record id No. 179 – Etheridge – Extension to Georgetown-Forsayth Rd (State LRRS) (Ranked 39th) to be all remaining after the above prioritised projects until TIDS funding has been expended.

Support – Eight (Croydon, Mareeba, Cook, Tablelands, Cassowary, Wujal Wujal, Douglas and Yarrabah)

Abstain – One (Cairns)

Not support – Two (Etheridge, DTMR)

Cr Devlin advised that his non-support was more of a statement in response to discussions behind the scenes where TMR did not support the motion as they had not given approval for works on Georgetown-Forsayth Rd. Cr Devlin advised that he does have approval for the location of the works and with enough lead in time could expend TIDS funding.

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES

147 Minute 134 – Mr Rankine to send flying minute for the reallocation of identified savings to ensure 100% expenditure of TIDS

Complete

148 Minute 138 – Ms Burke to follow up with Cr Pickering regarding vegetation poisoning along the roadside around Croydon

Cr Pickering confirmed that the matter has been followed up by DTMR.

149 Minutes of Technical Committee Meetings

The minutes for the RRTG Technical meeting, no. 95 held on 2 February and the meeting no. 96 held on 20 March 2018 were noted.

Recommendation - Action Item 94.4(b):

Cr Scott noted conflict of interest in this matter.

MOVED: Cr Trevor Pickering

SECOND: Cr Warren Devlin

“It is recommended that Charlotte St, Cook Shire to be listed as a Local Road of Regional Significance and Hope St, Cook Shire to be removed from the LRRS register, on the basis that it better reflects the 8 criteria of a Local Road of Regional Significance than the existing street servicing the area (Hope Street)”.

CARRIED

Recommendation - Action Item 96.4:

It be requested that TMR Far North review the current level reporting and forecasting currently being required, with the vision to streamlining requirements from council to one return per month.

Mr Rankine advised that Councils are being requested to complete up to three forms incorporating the similar information which is beyond the Road and Transport Alliance requirements which only requires one return to be done. Mr Ram extended invitation to Mr Rankine to make a meeting to discuss the form requirements.

149 ACTION: Mr Rankine arrange a meeting with Mr Ram to discuss DTMR current levels of reporting.

150 Update from the Roads and Transport Alliance

Ms Connolly provided an update.

- TIDS 47% spend across the state with FNQ RRTG on 50% spend;
- Not a good spend rate at this time of the financial year;
- LGAQ sent a strong message online regarding level of spend;
- Now is the time to address these issues;
- Often the problem is a result of Councils not putting the claims in;
- If there are any issues with delivery there are a hierarchy of mechanisms available to ensure funding is not lost;
 - Ms Irvine noted that the delay obtaining the Deed of Grant’s for Beef Roads funding has been an issue;
- State-wide capability fund – at 22% spend at the end of March is also an issue;
 - Ms Irvine noted that the group was told that there wasn’t going to be a lot of funding available due to the first and last mile projects. Ms Connolly advised that these projects did not continue due to consultants unable to deliver within the required timeframe
 - EOI’s for State Government pre-qualifications – a number of Councils couldn’t deliver in this financial system;
- MOA between TMR and LGAQ due for renewal end of June – another 5 year agreement being proposed. Consultation with DTMR regarding documented roles and responsibilities. Release expected in October. LGAQ will be consulting with Councils;
- AUSRAP – working with ARRB. Cairns and TRC doing phase two of AUSRAP. Can be used instead of getting road safety audit;

151 Works Program Update

Mr Rankine advised that a meeting has been scheduled for 18 April 2018 with the RRTG TC to finalise the 4 year program for adoption via flying minute by the FNQ RRTG.

Ms Irvine reminded Councils that non LRRS roads can be nominated and the importance of having back-up projects with the prioritisation tool

152 Joint Purchasing & Resource Sharing

None.

153 Road safety

Cr Devlin raised:

- road safety issues in particular on the Tablelands, Hann and Gulf Development Road during the wet;
- Etheridge Shire Council has had two recent road events; and
- the RMPC funds are not sufficient to maintain the State Government controlled roads to the required standard to meet the needs of industry and the tourism sector.

Cr Scott raised the delays in road linemarking being completed. Mr Ram noted the concerns and advised that the delays occur due to the rollout of the program.

Mr Ram advised:

- that the RMPC funding is increasing however there are competing needs for the funding; and
- the PPR's have been signed off for the Ootann and Richmond Croydon Roads. Waiting for signoff for Hann Highway and one in Flinders Shire Council.

Cr Devlin raised the recent problems in obtaining images of the Gilbert River bridge during the recent rain event. Had to rely on nearby station owner to provide images. Mr Ram to follow up with Cr Devlin regarding the difficulties in obtaining images of the Gilbert River bridge during the recent rain event.

153 ACTION: Mr Ram to follow up with Cr Devlin regarding the difficulties in obtaining images of the Gilbert River bridge during the recent rain event.

Cr Scott queried if there is any flexibility around the 'if it is flooded, forget it' message to allow heavy vehicles through to enable delivery of goods. Mr Ram advised that each situation is considered on a case by case basis.

154 Asset Management

Cr Scott asked Mr Ram how can local governments support DTMR to obtain more funding for roads in this region. Mr Ram advised that RMPC funds are delivered through a prioritised program and Councils can lobby the Minister.

Cr Gilmore noted that Councils have to present a business case that has the support of the Department. Mr Ram advised that there is a need to look at priority routes and Minister needs to see what are the benefits, similar to the CSIRO Transit model. Ms Connolly also noted that the Director General needs to see a business case similar to MIPP phase 2 and that building a business case is not cheap.

Mr Rankine noted that it is two issues, forward planning and maintenance.

Ms Irvine advised that the proposed FNQROC Regional Roads Investment Strategy won't address the issue of routine maintenance, this needs to be a separate piece. It was also noted that the region has seen an

increase in routine (and program maintenance) however councils have not seen this increase on roads they are stewards for.

Cr Gilmore noted that we as elected members are here to help and would like the department to work with us so the information put forward is correct. Mr Ram advised the department would work with member councils.

GENERAL BUSINESS

155 Beef Roads funding

As noted above, Mr Ram advised that the PPR's have been signed off for the Ootann and Richmond Croydon Roads. Waiting for signoff for Hann Highway and one in Flinders Shire Council

Mr Ram will be following up with Councils regarding timeframes on the funds to be released to Councils and to ascertain if Councils are in the position to complete the works.

156 Next RRTG Technical Committee Meeting

Mr Rankine advised that the next meeting for the RRTG Technical Committee will be held on 18 May 2018 in Cairns.

157 Next RRTG Board Meeting

The next RRTG meeting will be held in 18 June, 2018.

158 Conclusion

There being no further business the Chair, Cr Scott declared the meeting closed at 1.49 pm.

ACTION ITEMS

Minute Number	Action	Responsible Person(s)
149	Mr Rankine arrange a meeting with Mr Ram to discuss DTMR current levels of reporting.	FNQROC, Mr Lachlan Rankine
153	Mr Ram to follow up with Cr Devlin regarding the difficulties in obtaining images of the Gilbert River bridge during the recent rain event.	Mr Sanjay Ram